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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER'S REMARKS AT FAREWELL DINNER

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S
TOAST AT HIS FAREWELL DINNER FOR AMBASSADOR MAYTAG ON
APRIL 20:

"YOUR EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR MAYTAG

EXCELLENCIES

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THIS EVENING WE ARE GATHERED HERE TO BID FAREWELL
TO HER EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR MAYTAG UPON THE COM-
PLETION OF HER ASSIGNMENT AS AMBASSADOR OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN TO NEPAL.

I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS A
FEW WORDS ON NEPAL - U.S. RELATIONS THAT HAS ALWAYS
BEEN MARKED BY WARMTH AND CORDIALITY.
WE IN NEPAL, ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO OUR
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICAN. THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND ASSIST-
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ANCE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED STATES FOR OVER A
QUARTER OF A CENTURY HAS CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFI-
CATLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COUNTRY. THE
NEPALESE PEOPLE APPRECIATE THE GENEROUS HELPING
HANDS EXTENDED BY THE UNITED STATES IN VARIOUS
FIELDS EXTENDED BY THE UNITED STATES IN VARIOUS
FIELDS OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

IT IS COMMON KNOWLEDGE TO ALL THAT, UNDER THE DYNAMIC AND ACTIVE LEADERSHIP OF OUR BELOVED KING BIRENDRA, NEPAL IS, AT PRESENT, FULLY ENGAGED IN THE TASKS OF ACHIEVING ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE UNITED STATES' PARTICIPATION IN OUR EFFORTS TO BUILD AND INFRASTRUCTURE BEST SUITED TO OUR NEEDS WILL CONTINUE IN FUTURE.

IT IS A MATTER OF GREAT SATISFACTION THAT THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS OUR ASPIRATIONS AND APPRECIATES OUR POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT. PEACE AND PROGRESS ARE OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO US, FOR WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT ONLY IN THE CONGENIAL ENVIRONMENT OF LASTING PEACE OUR CHERISHED GOAL OF ACHIEVING ACCUMULATED PROGRESS CAN LEAD TO FRUITFULNESS.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

WE ARE ALL AWARE OF MADAME'S LOVE FOR NEPAL. SHE HAD COME HERE SEVERAL TIMES EVEN BEFORE HER ASSIGNMENT. DURING HER SHORT TENURE AS AMBASSADOR SHE HAS TAKEN ARDUOUS JOURNEYS TO SEVERAL PLACES OF INTEREST IN THE HILLY REGIONS OF NEPAL WITH A VIEW TO ACQUAINT HERSELF WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE REGIONS, AND TO ENJOY THE TRANQUILITY AND UNSPOILT BEAUTY OF THIS HIMALAYAN KINGDOM.

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I HOPE THAT MADAME MAYTAG'S STAY IN OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN ENJOYABLE AND THAT SHE WILL CARRY BACK WITH HER PLEASANT MEMORIES OF HER TENURE AS AMBASSADOR TO NEPAL. WE SHALL REMEMBER HER CONTRIBUTION IN FURTHER STRENGTHENING THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND AS AN AMBASSADOR WHO TOOK A KEEN INTEREST IN THE SOCIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL ASPECTS OF NEPALESE LIFE. AMONG HER COLLEAGUES, I AM SURE, THEY WILL MISS THE GLAMOUR WHICH MADAME MAYTAG BROUGHT IN THE DIPLOMATIC CORPUS.

WE WISH AMBASSADOR MAYTAG ALL THE BEST IN THE FUTURE.

EXCELLENCIES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

MAY I NOW REQUEST YOU ALL TO JOIN IN PROPOSING A TOAST -

- TO THE HEALTH OF HIS EXCELLENCY THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITES STATES OF AMERICAN
-TO THE HEALTH OF HER EXCELLENCY AMBASSADOR
MAYTAG

- AND TO THE CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN
NEPAL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
MAYTAG

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